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Applicant:

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FOOD PRODUCT PORTIONING

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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	Claims As Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	27	-	29	=	0	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims:	8	-	8	=	0	x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
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[] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1. total number of months checked below:	136(a) for the			
[] Extension for response filed within the first month: \$110.0	0 \$0.00			
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[Extension for response filed within the fourth month: \$1,480.0	0 \$0.00			
[Extension for response filed within the fifth month: \$2,010.0	0 \$0.00			
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:				
[] Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d): \$110.0	0 \$0.00			
	CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL	÷: \$0.00			
[] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above)	\$0.00			

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the First Office Action mailed on February 10, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: